4.6 million children are now displaced. This includes 2.1 million child refugees and 2.5 million children still in Ukraine who have fled their homes. More than 1 in every 2 Ukrainian children is now displaced, out of an estimated pre-war population of 7.5 million. Overall, more than 25% of the population have fled their homes.

The Ukrainian government is currently predicting that the country’s economy will shrink by 40% by the end of 2022. Infrastructure damage has been extensive, with an estimated 23,000 km of roads have been damaged due to the conflict.

Human Rights Watch have reported horrific human rights atrocities in Bucha and elsewhere in the country. The lives of civilian men, women and children affected by this conflict must be protected above all else. All sides of this conflict must redouble their efforts to ensure accountability so that this does not happen again.

Our rapid needs assessment in Bucharest found that 43% of people we surveyed are staying outside of centers and of those, 41% are staying in strangers’ homes. Over half (51%) of families have at least one child under 5 years old. Families also expressed much less certainty of what to do now. Most families we spoke to in Iasi were pretty sure they were only transiting through Romania. In Bucharest, families have typically been here longer already (1-2 weeks) and 53% are not sure of their next move.

World Vision is deeply concerned about the risk of child trafficking and abuse as women and children continue to cross borders without registration. We urge governments to establish child protection screening at border crossings, and actively mitigate the risks facing vulnerable groups.
People reached

**48,404**

- **Men** 5,270
- **Women** 22,968

**Children 20,159**

- **Boys** 9,837
- **Girls** 10,322

Response achievements

- **27,305** people reached with food assistance
- **16.1 MT** of food assistance distributed
- **616** children supported with child protection programmes
- **$17,210** distributed to 301 people in Georgia
- **11,913** people reached through 6,538 hygiene kits
- **7,996** reached with temporary shelter assistance

Distribution items being loaded to the trucks and refugees on the border.
### Response Highlights

**ROMANIA**

**34,644 people reached to date with food assistance, protection, shelter and hygiene kits**

We have been responding to the initial needs of refugees upon their arrival from Ukraine, by providing safe, warm spaces for children to play while their papers are processed, and supporting existing shelters offering somewhere for families to stay.

- Conducted rapid needs assessments in Iasi and Bucharest
- Supporting 4,800 people over the next 90 days transiting through Iasi with shelter, sanitation, transportation and protection programming, including anti-trafficking and PSEA awareness raising.
- Delivered $100,000 worth of food, hygiene items, telecommunications equipment and baby supplies to RomExpo, Bucharest’s largest 2,000-person overflow shelter.
- Secured a 1000 m² warehouse facility in Bucharest via Maersk. This is a critical element of our logistics pipeline into Moldova and Chernivtsi and Odessa oblasts in Ukraine.

**UKRAINE**

**9,238 people reached with food assistance, medical supplies and shelter kits.**

- From Romania, we have sent more than 8MT of food assistance, 1,000 hospital supply kits, 1,190 hygiene kits, and other essential supplies to hospitals and local organisations in Chernivtsi who are serving displaced families. The next shipment includes food and hygiene products.
- Our Lviv team completed a partner engagement and assessment mission 30 March – 1 April, including visiting an IDP information provision centre managed by the municipal authorities to explore a potential partnership. We continue to proactively pursue partnerships to reach vulnerable families in Ukraine. Newly vetted partners include NRC, Medair, ACTED and Baptist World Alliance. The total number of vetted and potential partners now stands at 40.

**GEORGIA**

**522 people supported with multipurpose cash and protection activities**

A small refugee response is supporting 4,000 Ukrainians who were temporarily in the country when the conflict began.

- We have been working with the Ministry of Education to get 110 refugee children into school. So far 58 have been enrolled.
- 150 vouchers to cover food, hygiene, clothing and pharmacy costs have been distributed to families in Tbilisi.
- Music therapy sessions are held twice weekly at two hotels hosting refugees, for 30 children aged 4-13.
- Together with UNHCR, we have expanded our existing support to 3,000 refugees, asylum seekers and humanitarian status holders in Georgia to cover Ukrainians as well (ap to a total of 20,000 people). Our social workers facilitate access to education and healthcare for Ukrainian refugees, and also support children and women with child protection, gender-based violence and psychosocial services.

**MOLDOVA**

**4,000 people reached with cleaning supplies; including 1,640 children**

- Finalizing cash project targeting Moldovan families hosting Ukrainian refugees, funded by WFP. The project will target 6,000 host-families across four districts.
- We are funding the rehabilitation of bathroom facilities at a Palanca border-crossing collective shelter, in collaboration with the local government.
- Supported refugee centers through a donation of Food/NFI items through the Diaconia/Moldovan Food bank.

### Strategic Activities

- Held a productive meeting with the Bucharest municipal government that focused on how we can address the integrated protection/education/information needs of refugee families with children.
- Fruitful engagements with the local partners in Moldova, particularly faith-based partners, and signing MoUs to support activities for refugee and host community activities.
- Actively participating in all working/sub working groups relevant to its strategy. This includes food, cash, logistics, protection, child protection, PSEA, education, MHPSS, WASH, health & nutrition. With two of these working groups, there is intention to provide coordination support/co leadership.
Ivanya, 8, fled Ukraine with his mother and sister, Viktoriia. Ivanya is staying with more than 400 refugees at a warehouse and office centre in Iasi, Romania. He is making the journey to Poland with his mother and sister after spending about a week taking cover in his family’s basement, as the bomb shelter was too far away for them to reach safely.